

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 9 as follows

Claims 1 - 8 (previously cancelled).

Claim 9 (currently amended). The method of forming a film *in situ* upon a mucosal tissue that is wet or moist, comprising:

providing a liquid composition comprising,

- 1) a volatile solvent; and
- 2) a water soluble polymer selected from the group consisting of carboxymethylcellulose, polyiminodiacetamide and hydroxyethyl cellulose, the water soluble polymer being capable of attaching to a hydrophobic group through covalent bonding.
- 3) a compound containing a hydrophobic group selected from a group comprising octadecyl isocyanate, hydroxysuccinamide, perflouro-1-octanesufonyl flouride, and palmitoyl chloride fatty acid chloride;
wherein the preparation and use of the liquid composition includes the steps of modifying the water solubility of the polymer in the liquid composition by attaching the hydrophobic group of the compound containing the hydrophobic group to the water soluble polymer to produce a water insoluble interaction product;
applying the liquid composition to a mucosal tissue that is wet or moist;
evaporating the solvent from the liquid composition *in situ*; and
forming a film which adheres to a mucosal tissue that is wet or moist;

Claims 10 and 11 (previously cancelled).

Claims 12 - 14 (previously cancelled).